Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Now that the A. R. P. operations are very much reduced and restricted, can the office hours also be brought down to the same as the court hours?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* As a matter of fact the officers like the present arrangement because they get longer time after office hours.

TRANSPORT OF CATTLE—RESTRICTION REGARDING

158. Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Cheruthuruthi):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the Cattle Control Order of the Madras Government has been modified so as to allow transport of cattle from British territories to Cochin State;

(*b*) if answer to (*a*) is in the affirmative, will they please state the extent of such modifications, with the actual result thereof, favourable to the State, if any;

(*c*) whether the order applies to all cattle, *i.e.*, milch cows and she-buffaloes;

(*d*) what is the number allowed of each to Cochin State if there be any provision;

(*e*) what is the aggregate if there be no specific provision?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) & (*b*) The prohibition on the export of cattle from the Madras Province still continues; but Cochin has obtained permission to import, with effect from June 1944, 50 heads of cattle per month.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) The number under each type is not specified.

(*e*) 50 cattle per month or 600 cattle per year.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* Have the Government any idea as to the importation that was being done prior to the control order?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* It was very much larger, about 20,000.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi):* What will be the approximate requirement of the State per year?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* The requirements also are very large, much more than this.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know what the Government think of the position of the agriculturists as far as the deficit is concerned—between 20,000 and 600 per year? Formerly we were purchasing about 20,000; but now only 600 are available by the exertions of our Government. How can the agriculturists meet the situation, which affect the food problem of the State.

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* They have to put up with the inconveniences and the difficulties. That is all that can be said.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* It was stated on the floor of this House that arrangements will be made to request the British Government to send more cattle in view of the military needs also here. I wish to know what arrangements have been made.

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* It is as a result of those representations that this has been allowed.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* Are the Government aware that there is much difficulty to get milch cattle?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* Yes, there is.

Mr. M. Krishna Menon *(Trichur-North):* Has this order got any retrospective effect?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* No.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Is it not possible to get some more by representing that our needs are very inadequately met?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* Unfortunately the need on the other side is equally great and that is why they conserve. This Government will be only too anxious to get more but we doubt whether we can get more.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Could not the Government make some representation and still beg for more.

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* We have already made representations more than once.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi):* Does this 600 include milch cows and buffaloes?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* Yes.

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Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* Is there any choice to import milch cattle or cattle for other purposes—Is it left to the purchaser or controlled by the Government.

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* Controlled by the Government.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* Is there any proportion fixed?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* No. But the Director of Agriculture has been authorised to use his discretion in issuing permits to be produced before the British authorities to get export permits from there.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Does this include milch cattle also?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* It applies to the 600 heads of cattle all told.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi):* Does this include calves also?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* All told 600.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Has the Government any idea as to how the agriculturists meet this very grave situation?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* They are some how or other drawing on all reserves wherever they could be found and somehow meet the situation.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* In the case of milch cows, are the cows and calves counted as one or two?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* That question has not arisen Sir, as yet. Let us hope that the Madras Government would be kind enough to exclude the calves.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know, Sir, whether the Government will be pleased to intensify their humble but legitmate request before the Madras Government to increase the quota.

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* It is too early to make another representation.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Do we get cattle from Travancore.

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* I want notice.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Has any representation been made to the Travancore Government?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* They won't allow it. That was settled long ago.

ENTRY OF FEMALES AND CHILDREN INTO TODDY SHOPS—PROHIBITION REGARDING

159. Mrs. K. Joshua *(Women-Trichur):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

whether they are aware that the Government rule prohibiting entry of women and children to toddy shops is being openly violated now by women by their going and remaining inside for selling curry and other stuff and thereby leading to many undesirable consequences?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government):* No such instance has come to notice so far.

BEGGAR RELIEF IN THE STATE

160. Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Will Government be pleased to inform.—

(*a*) the steps taken for Beggar Relief in the State this year, 1119;

(*b*) the amounts of money spent for the purpose up to the 1st of Karkadagam 1119 in the various centres or localities where beggar relief has been started;

(*c*) amounts of contribution, donations or other collections received for the purpose up to the 1st of Karkadagam 1119;

(*d*) the steps taken on the report of the Committee for Beggar relief?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government):* (*a*) Under instructions issued by Government the 3 major Municipalities of the State, *viz.*, Ernakulam, Mattancheri and Trichur, have each opened a Beggar Home at Punnurunni (Vytila), Palluruthy and Ramavarmapuram respectively, where provision is made to house, feed and clothe about 200 deserving beggars. The diseased beggars are given medical aid also. The expenditure is in the first instance met by the Municipalities concerned but the amount spent is later reimbursed to them by Government.

(*b*) The accounts relating to beggar relief up to the 1st of Karkadagam 1119, are not available. The amounts spent up to the 1st Mithunam are as follows:

Ernakulam	..	Rs.	8,461	3	11
Mattancheri	..	Rs.	6,771	12	2
Trichur	..	Rs.	234	0	0

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